

**AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. PALLONE  
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At the end of section 1332 (page 34, after line 31),  
insert the following:

1       “(m) NONDISCRIMINATION IS SELECTION OF NET-  
2 WORK HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.—

3               “(1) IN GENERAL.—A MedicarePlus organiza-  
4 tion offering a MedicarePlus plan offering network  
5 coverage shall not discriminate in selecting the mem-  
6 bers of its health professional network (or in estab-  
7 lishing the terms and conditions for membership in  
8 such network) on the basis of

9               the race, national origin, gender, age,  
10 or disability (other than a disability that im-  
11 pairs the ability of an individual to provide  
12 health care services or that may threaten the  
13 health of enrollees) of the health professional.

14 [REDACTED]  
15 [REDACTED]  
16 [REDACTED]  
17 [REDACTED]  
18 [REDACTED]  
19 [REDACTED]

1           “(2) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sub-  
2       section:

3           “(A) NETWORK.—The term ‘network’  
4       means, with respect to a MedicarePlus organi-  
5       zation offering a MedicarePlus plan, the partici-  
6       pating health professionals and providers  
7       through whom the organization provides health  
8       care items and services to enrollees.

9           “(B) NETWORK COVERAGE.—The term  
10      ‘network coverage’ means a MedicarePlus plan  
11      offered by a MedicarePlus organization that  
12      provides or arranges for the provision of health  
13      care items and services to enrollees through  
14      participating health professionals-and providers.

15          “(C) PARTICIPATING.—The term ‘partici-  
16      pating’ means, with respect to a health profes-  
17      sional or provider, a health professional or pro-  
18      vider that provides health care items and serv-  
19      ices to enrollees under network coverage under  
20      an agreement with the MedicarePlus organiza-  
21      tion offering the coverage.